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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

MS AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2006, said period of response being extended from May 27, 2006 to August 28, 2006

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in the amount of \$1020.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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